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PASS TREASURY FOR ZINMAN/DRESS AND EMERSON DAVIS, JR.

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SUBJ: PROJECT INSPECTION TRIP BYTREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL GROUP

REF: DAKAR 6239

1. AMBASSADOR HAS DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL VISIT WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT AMADOU CISSE DIA. DIA REGRETS THAT HE WILL BE IN LUXEMBOURG DURING WEEKEND OF NOV. 22-23, BUT WELCOMES VISIT AND HAS OFFERED TO BE OF ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN LEAVING NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES OR OTHERWISE HELPING MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. SINCE SENDING DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON VISIT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY NOV. 3, EMBOFFS HAVE ALSO CALLED DELEGATION'S PLANS TO ATTENTION OF SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND TO PRIME MINISTER'S CABINET DIRECTOR, NONE OF WHO HAVE VOICED ANY PROBLEMS WITH SCHEDULED TRAVEL.

2. ASSUMING DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN SENEGAL IN TIME TO BEGIN MORNING SCHEDULE BY 10:00 A.M. NOV. 22, EMBASSY PLANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED) TO PURSUE

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE TOUR OF AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL, FOLLOWED

BY COURTESY CALL BY SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUP ON APPROPRIATE
SENEGALESE OFFICIAL. (EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME
WHAT GOS OFFICIAL WILL BE AVAILABLE; PRESIDENT SENGHOR,
FINANCE MINISTER BA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ASSANE SECK AND MINISTER OF COOPERATION AND PLANNING OUSMANE
SECK ARE ALL CURRENTLY ON MIDDLE EAST MISSION AND ARE NOT
EXPECTED TO RETURN BEFORE NOV. 20 AT EARLIEST.) EMBASSY
HOPES TO ARRANGE GOS BRIEFING ON MULTILATERAL AID FOR
LATE MORNING SATURDAY, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL.

3. GOS MAY WISH TO OFFER SOCIAL HOSPITALITY OF SOME SORT
TO GROUP. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO SOUND OUT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
REPRESENTATIVES ON THEIR INTEREST IN OFFERING LUNCHEON
OR RECEPTION TO DELEGATION ON SATURDAY, NOV. 22. PLEASE
ADVISE IF SUCH LUNCHEON WOULD BE OF INTEREST. SATURDAY
LUNCHEON WILL BE FOLLOWED BY EMBASSY BRIEFING ON POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC SITUATION, LEAVING POSSIBLE TIME FOR LATE
AFTERNOON SIGHT-SEEING ACTIVITY OR SHOPPING.

4. AMBASSADOR WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE SOCIAL EVENT FOR
GROUP, AND DEPENDING ON GOS DECISION PROPOSES TO HOLD SATURDAY
EVENING RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS
WOULD MEET WITH GROUP'S SATISFACTION.

5. ON SUNDAY, NOV. 23, EMBASSY COULD ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MORNING
TRIP TO BUD-SENEGAL IRRIGATED FARMING OPERATION, 35 MILES
OUTSIDE DAKAR. US INVESTORS HAVE INTEREST IN BUD-SENEGAL,
WHICH HAD ALSO BENEFITED FROM IBRD FUNDING. TRIP
BY BUS, TOUR OF FACILITY, AND RETURN TO DAKAR WOULD REQUIRE
ABOUT THREE HOURS. IF DELEGATION DESIRES, EMBASSY COULD
ALSO EXPLORE AVAILABILITY OF BOAT TO CARRY GROUP TO HISTORIC
ISLAND OF GOREE IN DAKAR HARBOR FOR LUNCH, MUSEUM VISIT AND
TOUR OF PICTURESQUE ISLAND VILLAGE. (SCHEDULED FERRIES
WOULD BE TOO CROWDED TO HANDLE DELEGATION OF THIS SIZE).
EMBASSY BELIEVES TRIPS TO BUD-SENEGAL IN MORNING AND TO
GOREE FOR LUNCH AND AFTERNOON WOULD CONSTITUTE BUSY BUT
PRODUCTIVE AND INTERESTING SUNDAY SCHEDULE. (ALTERNATIVELY
EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER TRIP COULD BE SCHEDULED AND
REMAINING TIME LEFT FREE, IF GROUP PREFERRED). ADDITIONAL
ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO MAKE SUNDAY MORNING BUS
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TRIP (TWO HOURS) TO JOAL (COLORFUL FISHING VILLAGE),
FOLLOWED BY BUFFET LUNCHEON AT CLUB ALDIANA RESORT AT
NIANING, ENROUTE BACK TO DAKAR. JOAL/NIANING TRIP WOULD
ENTAIL DEPARTURE AT 9:00 A.M. AND RETURN BY 5:00. IN VIEW
OF LONG JOURNEY INVOLVED AND RELATIVELY LESSER INTEREST OF
JOAL, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS BUD-SENEGAL/GOREE OPTION (OR
ONE OF THEM), BUT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DELEGATION'S
PREFERENCES SOONEST. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL FOR PLANNING

PURPOSES TO HAVE INDICATION WHETHER ENTIRE GROUP WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN PREFERRED ACTIVITIES. (ASIDE FROM BUD-SENEGAL, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT SUNDAY PROJECT TOUR WOULD BE FEASIBLE FROM STANDPOINT OF SENECALESE COOPERATION).

6. FORMAL REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN RECEIVED. FIFTEEN DAYS IS NORMAL MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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